Declaring Pakistan as Terrorist State

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the response of the world community on the Pak sponsored terrorist and militant activities against India; and

(b) whether the issue has been taken up with the regional friendly countries, if so, with what results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the notice of the international community, Pakistan's support to cross border terrorism and continued attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of India. The facts regarding Pakistan's state sponsorship of terrorism have been brought before several international fora and have also been raised at high level bilateral discussions with world leaders. The international community now openly recognizes Pakistan's state-sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, and elsewhere in India, and the impact this has on the security of our country and the region. This greater awareness is being reflected in the international media coverage on Pakistan, and in the statements by official spokesmen of several governments.

(b) Government have also raised the matter of cross border terrorism against India with the Governments of neighbouring countries. There is a greater awareness amongst them of the threat posed to the security of the country, and to the region as a whole, due to the growth of state sponsored terrorism and militant activities.